

# Medical Reserve Corps of Clark County

The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps of Clark County (MRCCC) is to develop a committed and available reserve of practicing and retired health care professionals that can be rapidly mobilized to strengthen our medical response capability during large-scale local emergencies.

#### **ELIGIBILITY TO VOLUNTEER**

To volunteer with the MRCCC you must be one of the following:

- A licensed active, inactive or retired health care professional in good standing (doctors, nurses, licensed practitioners of nursing, certified nursing assistants, emergency medical technicians, pharmacists and others)
- A student of a health profession

In addition, applicants are required to be in good health, at least 18 years of age, and have a valid driver's license with access to an insured vehicle.

# **POTENTIAL DUTIES**

- Augment medical and support staff shortages at medical or emergency facilities
- Assist with the distribution or dispensing of pharmaceuticals
- Assist with surveillance and notification
- Assist staging area staff, both medical and non-medical
- Assist with immunization clinics, education, infectious disease outbreak support, consequence mitigation of a terrorist act and other duties

#### COMMITMENT

The success of MRCCC is based on the availability of its volunteers to respond in a timely manner when deployed. Prior to beginning the application process, we ask that each potential volunteer consider his or her family responsibilities, work commitments and any other possible limitations.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Complete an application form
- Sign a volunteer agreement
- Attend a brief orientation

#### **INSURANCE**

MRCCC volunteers who are preregistered through the Clark County Health District are eligible to receive workers compensation benefits as well as protection under the Cooperative Agreement for Coverage of Liability Claims and Related Expenses, to which the health district is a party. Also, under specific circumstances, the Volunteer Protection Act (42 U.S.C. § 14501 et. Seq.) provides qualified immunity from liability for volunteers of a governmental entity for harm caused by an act or omission on the part of the volunteer.

## **TRAINING**

Many MRCCC volunteers already know how to perform the medical functions needed. However, effective local emergency preparedness and response is a highly coordinated effort allowing communities to maximize their capabilities during times of disorganization and stress. MRCCC training includes information on preparedness and response, consequences of biological and chemical weapons use, and CPR/first aid certification.

Many training opportunities, both recommended and optional, offer professional credits and are provided free of charge by the health district and its community partners.

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